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## Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions During Week of August 6, 2018

[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The statement of the issue or issues in each case set out below does not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]

#18-105 People v. Blessett, S249250. (C074267; 22 Cal.App.5th 903; Sacramento County Superior Court; 12F01121.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal modified and affirmed a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in People v Perez, S248730 (#18-95), which presents the following issue: Did defendant's failure to object at trial, before People v. Sánchez (2016) 63 Cal.4th 665 was decided, forfeit his claim that a gang expert's testimony related case-specific hearsay in violation of his Sixth Amendment right of confrontation?

#18-106 People v. Case, S249667. (B283838; nonpublished opinion; Ventura County Superior Court; 2016045507.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order reducing felony charges to misdemeanors.

#18-107 People v. Chi, S249660. (B283968; nonpublished opinion; Ventura County Superior Court; 2017008363.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order granting a motion to set aside the information.

The court ordered briefing in *Case* and *Chi* deferred pending decision in *People v*. *Jimenez*, S249397 (#18-99), which presents the following issue: May a felony conviction for the unauthorized use of personal identifying information of another (Pen. Code, § 530.5, subd. (a)) be reclassified as a misdemeanor under Proposition 47 on the ground that the offense amounted to Penal Code section 459.5 shoplifting?

## **DISPOSITION**

Review in the following case was dismissed in light of *People v. Perez* (2018) 4 Cal.5th 1055:

#18-06 People v. Coats, S245553.	(C081728; nonpublished opinion;
	Sacramento County Superior Court;
	07F01689)

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